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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/802,018	Applicant(s) GODAMBE ET AL.	
	Examiner Joseph Chang	Art Unit 2817	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935, C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 12-18 and 24-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-11 and 19-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 12, 16-18, 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamiya et al. US Patent No. 6,166,609.

Nakamiya et al. discloses a system (Figure 1 and see Col.1, lines 55-60) comprising: a signal controlled oscillator (10, 20, 40, 14, 16,18, Col.5, lines 6-21) comprising a signal input (100), a power input (Vreg), and an oscillation output (output of 20); a rectifier (30, correcting output signal of 20) comprising an input (input of 30) coupled to the oscillation output (output of 20), and a reference output (Vd) to provide a rectified signal; a threshold detect module (62, 64) comprising a first input (S1, S2) coupled to the reference output (Vd), and a threshold indicator output (S3,S4); and a voltage supply module (68, 66, 82) comprising a select input (AB of 82) coupled to the threshold indicator output (S3,S4), and a voltage supply output (S13) coupled to the power input (Vreg) of the signal controlled oscillator to supply one of a plurality of voltages (Vreg1-4) based on a value (S3, S4) received at the select input (AB of 82).

Regarding claim 2, Figure 1 shows the plurality of voltages (Vreg1-4) predefined (by 66) and selected based upon a value (S3,S4) received at the select input (AB of 82).

Regarding claim 3, Figure 1 shows Vreg1-4 voltages determined based on a value (S3,S4) received at the select input (AB of 82).

Regarding claim 4, Figure 1 shows the threshold detect module (62, 64) two indicators (Vgl1 and Vgl2).

Regarding claim 12, the circuits are formed on a common substrate (Col. 5, lines 3-4).

Regarding claims 16-18, 24-25, these methods are inherently present in the structure of device of Nakamiya et al. because the structure is the same as one recited in the apparatus claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to

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consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamiya et al. in view of Heinonen et al.

As discussed above in the claim rejection, Nakamiya et al. discloses a system as recited in the claims except the PLL configuration used in an rf communication system. As would have been well known art, an oscillator in a PLL configuration as shown in the Heinonen et al. are used in an rf communication system as a clock source for accuracy. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the oscillator in a PLL configuration in an RF communication because such usage would have been a mere application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-11, 19-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the best prior art of record, Nakamiya et al., taken alone or in combination of other references, does not teach or fairly suggest the threshold detect module as set forth in the claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Abe discloses IC clock oscillator using a power management scheme.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Chang whose telephone number is 571 272-1759. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 0700-1730.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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